

CLAIMS

1. A building transportable by water, but intended to be used especially when stationary, which comprises at least

- 5 - means for transporting the building and transport premises for accommodating the personnel operating the means, the said transport means and transport premises being dimensioned for a number of transport personnel A, and which transport premises meet the safety regulations required of a waterborne vessel, and
- 10 - functional premises, which can be reserved by clients for their own use, the functional premises being dimensioned for a maximum number of clients C,

characterised in that the maximum number of clients C is greater than the number of transport personnel A, and that the functional premises of the

15 building do not meet the safety regulations required of a waterborne vessel, which means that when the building is transported by water, there may be a maximum of A persons in the building.

2. A building as claimed in claim 1, **characterised** in that it further comprises

20 service means and service premises for servicing the functional premises of the building, the said service means requiring a number of service personnel B in order to function.

3. A building as claimed in claim 1, **characterised** in that the functional

25 premises comprise hotel rooms or corresponding accommodation for people.

4. A building as claimed in claim 3, **characterised** in that its functional part further comprises the service or auxiliary premises needed by a hotel or the like, such as reception premises and a restaurant, which require a number of

30 service personnel B in order to function.

5. A method for arranging the delivery of an additional building to a desired location, the method including at least the following stages:

- a) a client needing premises informs the provider of the premises of this need,
b) the client and the provider of the premises agree at least on the place of delivery and time of delivery of the additional building, and
c) the provider of the premises delivers the additional building to the agreed place at the agreed time, **characterised** in that the additional building delivered at stage c) is a building according to claim 1, which is transported by water from its first location to the agreed place of delivery, that is, its second location.
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- 10 6. A method as claimed in claim 5, **characterised** in that the termination date of the delivery is also agreed at stage b), and that the method also comprises a stage
d) the provider of the premises transports the additional building at an agreed time from its second location to its third location.
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7. A method as claimed in claim 5, **characterised** in that in the method, two or more additional buildings are delivered to the same second location from more than one first location.
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8. A system for managing the spatial capacity provided at a geographical location, **characterised** in that the spatial capacity comprises several buildings, which are movable by water and functionally connectable, and that the size of the spatial capacity and the number of buildings required to provide it are determined on the basis of the spatial capacity requirement at any time.
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9. A system as claimed in claim 8, **characterised** in that the system uses one or more of the buildings disclosed in claim 1.
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10. A reservation system for one or more buildings and the premises they contain, which comprises at least data terminal equipment, at least one server, and a database used for maintaining the reservation status of the said one or more buildings and the premises they contain, whereby data communication links can be created both between the data terminal

equipment and the server and between the server and the database, the system comprising at least

- 5 aa) means for entering a space reservation inquiry from the data terminal into the system, which inquiry includes information at least on which premises, or what part of the premises and in which building covered by the system, a reservation is to be made, and the date when the reservation is required,
- bb) means for searching in the database to find out whether it is possible to meet the order stated in the space reservation inquiry,
- 10 cc) means for updating the database to match the order referred to in the space reservation inquiry,
- dd) means for replying to the data terminal as regards meeting the conditions of the order given in the inquiry,
- ee) means for changing the reservation status of a building or a part of it in the
- 15 database, if desired, irrespective of the reservation status of the building or the part of it prior to this change,
- characterised** in that the database is arranged to contain information on the geographical location, on a certain date, of at least one building to be reserved, the location data being arranged so that it can be changed using the
- 20 means disclosed under ee).

25 11. A reservation system as claimed in claim 10, **characterised** in that of the buildings to be reserved through the system, at least one is transportable, if so desired, by water from one place to another.

12. A reservation system as claimed in claim 10, **characterised** in that one or more of the means mentioned under points aa) to ee) are located in the said building transportable by water from one place to another.

30 13. A reservation system as claimed in claim 11, **characterised** in that the building transportable by water from one place to another is a building according to claim 1.

14. A reservation system as claimed in claim 10, **characterised** in that it further comprises:

ff) means for receiving clients' orders as messages separate from the system, for example by telephone, on paper or by e-mail, and for converting these
5 messages further via the data terminal equipment into a space reservation inquiry.

15. A reservation system as claimed in claim 14, **characterised** in that the means mentioned under ff) are located in a building to be reserved through
10 the system, which building is transportable, if so desired, by water from one place to another.

16. A method for reserving one or more buildings and the premises they contain through a reservation system that comprises at least data terminal
15 equipment, at least one server and a database, whereby data communication links can be created, if necessary, both between the data terminal equipment and the server and between the server and the database, by means of which method the database serves to maintain information on the reservation status of the said one or more buildings and the premises they contain, in which
20 method

aaa) a space reservation inquiry is entered into the data terminal, the inquiry including information at least on which premises, or what part of the premises and in which building covered by the system, a reservation is to be made, and the date when the reservation is required,

25 bbb) the space reservation inquiry is sent to the server,

ccc) the database is searched to find out whether it is possible to meet the order stated in the inquiry, and if the order can be met, then ddd) the order is made by updating the database with the information contained in the inquiry, and

30 eee) the data terminal is given a reply regarding the possibility of meeting the conditions of the order given in the inquiry, in which method is also, if necessary,

fff) the reservation status of a building or a part of it in the database is changed, if so desired, irrespective of the reservation status of the building or the part of it prior to this change,

characterised in that information on the geographical location, on a certain
5 date, of at least one of the buildings to be reserved is maintained in the database, which location data can be changed at stage fff).

17. A method as claimed in claim 16, **characterised** in that of the buildings to be reserved by the method, at least one is a building that is transportable, if so
10 desired, by water from one place to another.

18. A method as claimed in claim 17, **characterised** in that the building that is transportable by water from one place to another is a building according to claim 1.

15 19. A method as claimed in claim 16, **characterised** in that it comprises a further stage
ggg) at which clients' orders are received as messages separate from the system, for example by telephone, on paper or by e-mail, and the information
20 contained in these messages is converted further via the data terminal equipment into a space reservation inquiry.

20. A method as claimed in claim 19, **characterised** in that the conversion at stage ggg) is carried out in a building to be reserved through the system,
25 which building is transportable, if so desired, by water from one place to another.